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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This paper is responsive to the final Office Action mailed August 22, 2002. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1 and 7 are pending in the application, claim 7 is allowed, and claim 1 is rejected. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.